

Programme Schedule

Japan's Grand Strategy in the Indo-Pacific Region: Debates, Dialogues and Deliberations

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WEBINAR TIME IN IST

DAY 1 (23-02-2021)

INAUGURAL SESSION (10:00 A.M. -11:00 A.M.)

--Chair: Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra, Rector
School of International Studies, JNU

Welcome Remarks by Prof. Ashwini Mohapatra , Dean SIS, JNU, India
Convenor Remarks by Prof. Srabani Roy Choudhury , Chairperson, Centre for East Asian Studies, JNU
Inaugural Remarks by Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra , Rector, JNU
Special Remarks by Prof. Ashok Chawla , Advisor (Japan), Ministry of External Affairs, India
Keynote Address by Mr. Toshihide Ando , Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan in India.
Vote of Thanks by Ritu Agarwal , Associate Professor Centre for East Asian Studies, JNU

CURTAIN RAISER (11:00 A.M. -1:00 P.M.)

--MODERATOR Rajesh Rajagopalan, CIPOD, JNU

ROUNDTABLE: DECODING THE GRAND STRATEGIES OF INDO- PACIFIC

<i>Akihiko Tanaka</i> , GRIPS, Japan
<i>C. Raja Mohan</i> , National University Singapore, Singapore
<i>Weixing Hu</i> , University of Macau, China
<i>Ernest Rockwell</i> , AIR University, USA

Question & Answers Session (Half Hour)

DAY 2 (24.02.2021)

SESSION I (9:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.)

*--Chaired by Deepa Wadhwa, Former Indian Ambassador to Japan
--Discussant Rohan Mukherji, Yale-NUS, Singapore*

STRATEGIC CONVERGENCE AND DIVERGENCE IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

China's Rise: Challenges and Opportunities for the Indo-Pacific Region by **Zhiqun Zhu**, Bucknell University, USA

The Indo-Pacific Power: The United States, the Quad, and the Making of a Megaregion by **Peter Harris**, University of Colorado, USA

Assessing the Indo-Pacific as a New Theatre of Great Power Contest by **Shankari Sundararaman**, CIPS/ SIS, JNU

Strategizing Institutional Arrangement in Japan's FOIP: Quad, ASEAN, and Tactical Hedging by **Kei Koga**, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

India-Japan-US: Shaping the Indo-Pacific by **Titli Basu**, MP-Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi

Question & Answers Session (Half Hour)

SESSION II (11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.)

*--Chaired by Lauren Richardson, Professor, Australian National University
--Discussant Pankaj Jha, Jindal School of International Affairs, India*

SOUTHEAST ASIAN POWERS IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

Will Indonesia be able to maintain its "Free and Active" Foreign Policy? by **Yohanes Sulaiman**, University of Tenders Achmad Yani, Indonesia

ASEAN Centrality: Opportunities and Challenges by **Dewi Fortuna Anwar**, Indonesian Institute of Sciences, Indonesia

Japan's Maritime Priority and Policy Options in the Indo-Pacific by **Prakash Paneerselvan**, National Institute of Advanced Studies, India

Vietnam in Japan's Contemporary Strategic Thinking by **Do Thu Ha**, Vietnam National University, Vietnam

Question & Answers Session (Half Hour)

SESSION III (2:30 P.M.-4:00 P.M.)

*--Chaired by Ummu Salma Bawa, Professor, JNU
--Discussant Maaïke Okane Heijmans, Netherlands Institute of International Relations, Netherlands*

EUROPE'S INDO-PACIFIC PROSPECTS

Legal aspects of the EU Approach to Indo Pacific by **Carmen Tirado Robles**, University of Zaragoza, Spain

Geopolitical Aspects of the EU Approach to Indo Pacific by **Juan Luis Lopez Aranguran** University of Zaragoza, Spain

Question & Answers Session (Half Hour)

DAY 3 (25-02-2021)

SESSION IV (10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.)	
<p>--Chaired by Takahiro Sato, Kobe University, Japan --Discussant Akshay Mathur, Observer Research Foundation, India</p>	
ECONOMIC ENGAGEMENT IN INDO PACIFIC	The Search for Alternatives in the Indo- Pacific: The Blue Dot Network and the Resilient Supply Chain Initiative by Anil Wadhwa , Former Ambassador, Government of India
	Economic Architecture in the Indo-Pacific: India's Challenges by Srabani Roy Choudhury , Chairperson, CEAS/ SIS, JNU
	Question & Answers Session (Half Hour)

SESSION V (11:00 A.M.-1:30 P.M.)	
<p>--Chaired by Takenori Horimoto, Professor, Japan --Discussant Jabin Jacob, Shiv Nadar University, India</p>	
JAPAN AND ITS PARTNERS IN THE INDO PACIFIC	The Australia Japan Special Strategic Partnership and the Rules-Based Order by Thomas Wilkins , University of Sydney
	India-Japan Relations in Japan's Indo-Pacific by Kazutoshi Tamari , Chukyo University, Japan
	India, the Indo-Pacific and the Quad by GVC Naidu , Retd. SIS, JNU
	Republic of Korea's Indo-Pacific Approach: Reluctance and Prospect, Sandip Mishra , CEAS/ SIS, JNU
	An Indian Perspective of China's Activities in the Indo-Pacific by Gautam Bambawale , Former Ambassador, Government of India
	Question & Answers Session (Half Hour)

YOUNG SCHOLAR SESSIONS

SESSION VI (9:30 A.M.-11:00 A.M.)
--Chaired by Prof. Unita Sachidanand, Head of Department,

<i>East Asia Studies, University of Delhi, India</i>	
JAPAN'S PROACTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE IN THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION: IMPLICATION FOR NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SECURITY	Japan's Free and Open Indo-Pacific concept: Time to focus on building bridges and Preserving Order by Ang Guan , Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
	A 'Vision' for Peace: Japan's Multidimensional Approach to Promoting Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific by Preetha Mitra , Jadavpur University
	'Human Security and Japanese Refugee Policy: Explaining the 'Flux'' by Arnab Dasgupta , Independent Researcher
	Japan's contribution to Peace, Prosperity & Sustainability: Energy Transitions in the Indo-Pacific Region by Parul Bakshi , PhD Research Scholar, CEAS/SIS, JNU
Question & Answers Session (Half Hour)	
SESSION VII (11:00 AM -12:15 PM)	
<i>--Chaired by Prof. Varaprasad Sekhar Dolla, CEAS/ SIS/JNU</i>	
JAPAN'S PROACTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE IN THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION: PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.	Japan's Approach towards India in the Changing Geopolitical Scenario in the Indo-Pacific by Naresh Subba , PhD Research Scholar, CEAS/SIS, JNU
	Japan's "Proactive Contribution to Peace" in Myanmar and its Implications for the Indo-Pacific Regional Security by Khatu Jayesh Jayprakash PhD Research Scholar, CES/SIS, JNU
	Trajectory of foreign Aid in the Indo Pacific Region: A Comparative Study of Japan and China by Chandrali Sarkar , PhD Research Scholar, CEAS/SIS, JNU
	Question & Answers Session (Half Hour)
VALEDICTORY SESSION (12:30 P.M.-1:15 P.M.)	
<i>-- Chaired by: Mr. Koji Sato, Director General, Japan Foundation, New Delhi</i>	
	Valedictory Address by Dr. Anupam Ray , Joint Secretary, Public Policy and Research, Ministry of External Affairs, GoI
	Concluding Remarks by Prof. Srabani Roy Choudhury , Chairperson, CEAS, SIS, JNU
	Vote of Thanks by Parul Bakshi , PhD Scholar SIS, JNU
DAY 4 (26-02-2021)	

*****Thank You*****